

Hebrew Names for the Tabernacle

- ***Mishkan*** means “tabernacle, dwelling or habitation.” *Mishkan* is from the root word *shakan* meaning “to dwell, abide, settle down, reside, tabernacle.” The word *shechinah* derives from *shakan* and refers to the manifest light or presence of YHVH among his people ([Exod 25:8–9](#)).
- ***Ohel*** (as in *tent of the congregation/meeting*) means “a nomad’s tent, dwelling, home, habitation” ([Exod 29:42](#)).
- ***Miqdash*** means “sacred place, sanctuary, holy place” and is from the primitive root *qadash* and means “to consecrate, sanctify, prepare, dedicate, be hallowed or set apart, be separate or holy” ([Exod 25:8](#)).
- ***Kodesh*** or *the sanctuary* because it was set-apart (or *kadosh*) to Elohim ([Exod 30:13](#)).
- ***Ohel haeduth*** means “the tabernacle or tent of the testimony or witness” since it contained the ark of the covenant housing the Torah-law given to Moses, which was an abiding witness of Israel’s covenant with YHVH ([Num 9:15](#)).
- ***Mishkan haeduth*** means “tabernacle of the testimony” ([Num 10:11](#)).

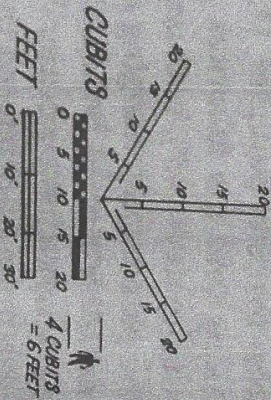
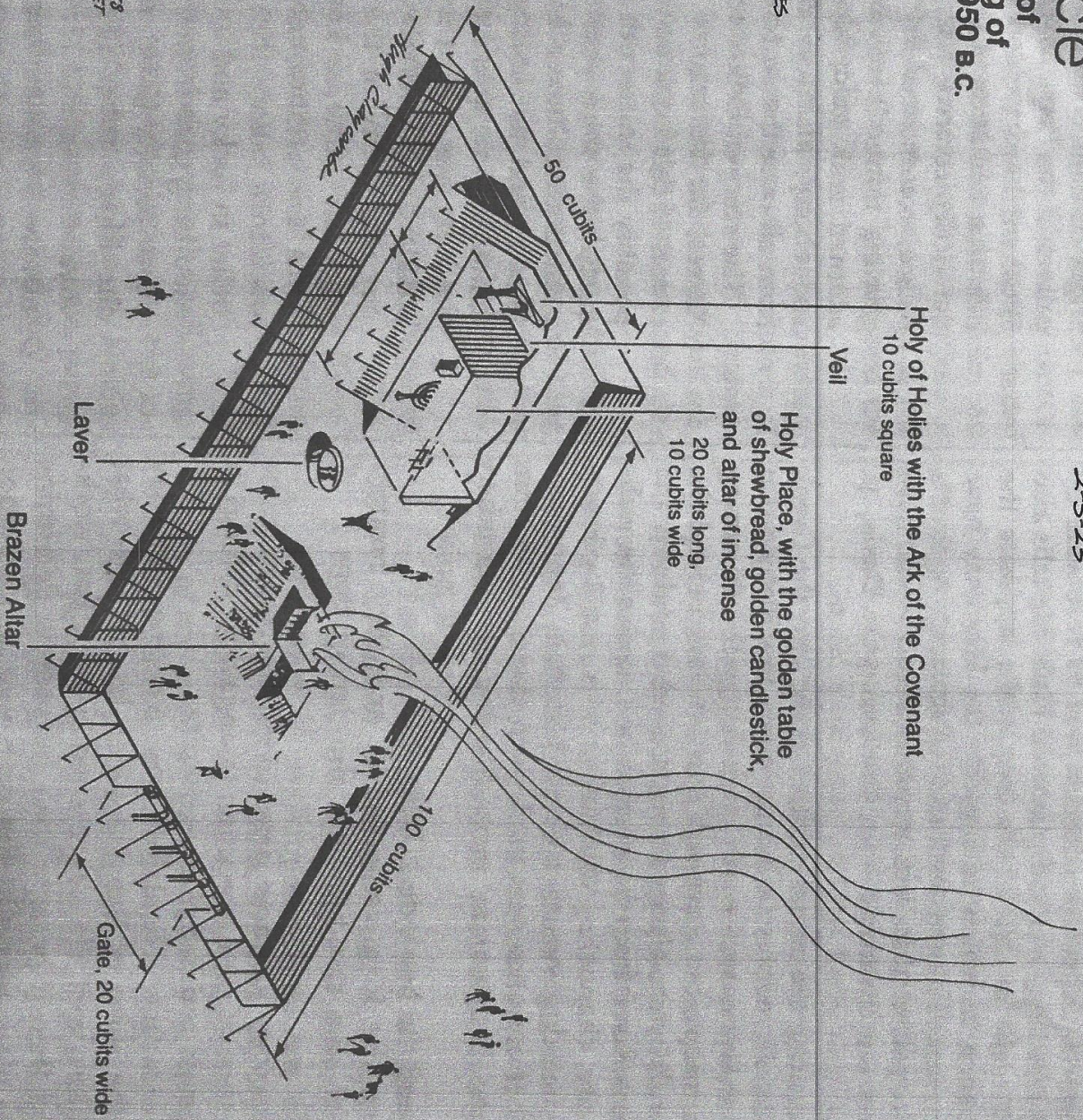
The Tabernacle

From the Wilderness of Sinai until the building of Solomon's Temple in 950 B.C.

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Note
(1) cubit = 18 inches
(50) cubits = 75'
(100) cubits = 150'



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